

My Presentation at the 70th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The 2026 Commission on the Status of Women, or CSW-70, held at the UN headquarters in New York took place from March 9-19. Over the course of this 10-day conference numerable parallel events took place with many sharing their voice on the central focus of this year’s session, justice for woman and girls across the globe. Students at Utah Valley University enrolled in the Sustainable Development course had the opportunity to share statements based off months of prior research into specific state-based case studies. These case studies focused on sustainable development and women’s involvement in mountainous regions of each student’s specifically chosen state. This research was then presented during a parallel event titled *“Raising Justice Awareness of Mountain Women Through Student-Engaged Learning.”* on March 12 at 12:30 EST during CSW-70.



Pictured above is a group photo of all student presenters at the event on March 12

I had the privilege of researching Italy and its mountainous regions for my case study prior to the event, at which I presented my findings in a 3-minute speech alongside my peers. In accordance with the student engaged learning method implemented within Sustainable Development course each student had multitudes of opportunities for hand on experience leading to the CSW-70 session. I personally got involved in making hygiene kits and delivering them to local shelters as well as raising funds and awareness for our programs cause in orange sales and additionally manning a booth at UVU's club rush to interact and advocate to the student body on campus. I have worked diligently as a Vice President of the Foreign Affairs club, leading member of the Utah International Mountain Forum, and active participant with the Rotaract club on campus to get these activities put together and executed.



Domenic Callor during his presentation to the CSW-70 event

I am so thankful to have had this immense opportunity to work with my peers and fellow presenters. It was an essential chance for us all to have our voices heard and for me specifically, the experience I received both leading up the event and with it are the perfect building blocks for my future career in global relations and politics as I have gained valuable skills is research, advocacy, and presenting.

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